

DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets (5 sheets) of drawings include Fig. 1 to 5. Fig. 1 to 5 of sheet 1/5 and 2/5 replaces the original sheet FIGURE 1 of sheet 3/5. The replacement sheets with drawing objection corrected to overcome the technical rejections. The attached red-marked sheet 4/5 and 5/5 indicates in red the correction made to Fig. 1 to 5.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a weighted swaddling blanket according to the present invention in use.

FIG. 2 is a top view of the interior of the invention.

FIG. 3 is a side elevation view of the invention.

FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view of the invention taken along line 11--11 of FIG. 3.

FIG. 5 is a top view of a pouch of the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. 1-5 thereof, a new weighted swaddling blanket embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

More specifically, it will be noted that the weighted swaddling blanket 10 comprises a top sheet 18 and a bottom sheet 12 of a substantially soft fabric material or flexible material conventional known with a baby 15 sandwiching in between the top and bottom sheets. The top 18 and bottom 12 sheets are illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2 as being substantially rectangular in shape. The top 18 and bottom 12 sheets are coupled at opposite ends by fastening means 21, 20, and 22 such as stitching or hook and loop fasteners or the like. A plurality of compartment assemblies 24 are

secured to the top sheet 18 of the blanket 10 for receiving pellet material 32 such as polypropylene pellets or the like to position and swaddle the baby 15 in place. The bottom sheet 12 is positioned underneath the baby 15 to prevent the baby from inadvertently push up the blanket over the face, causing breathing difficulty for the baby 15.

Referring now to FIGS. 3 to 5 wherein the compartment assemblies 24 are illustrated in detail, it can be shown that the compartment assemblies 24 each comprise a pocket 16 of soft fabric or flexible material conventional known secured to the top sheet 18 of the blanket 10 and an interior pouch 14 of soft fabric or flexible material conventional known for storing pellet 32 and soft material such as polypropylene pellets or the like. The pocket 16 has an opening only at one end extending across the pocket 16. The top opening has the first portion of the fastening means 28 and the bottom opening has the second portion of the fastening means 30 such as hook and loop fasteners or the like to secure the pouch 14. The pouch 14 is positioned securely inside the pocket 16. The pouch 14 may be removed from the blanket 10 for other uses such as pillow.

The weighted swaddling blanket 10 provides many advantages over existing baby blankets. The compartment assemblies 24 restrict the movements of the baby to avoid flipping onto his/her stomach. In addition, the compartment assemblies 24 positions and swaddles the baby in place to provide a sense of security and comfort allowing the baby to sleep comfortably and soundly. The material is soft and pleasing to the touch. This product is practical, easy to use, and of reasonably price.

As to a further discussion of the manner of usage and operation of the present invention, the same should be apparent from the above description. Accordingly, no further discussion relating to the manner of usage and operation will be provided.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to

one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.

REMARKS—General

Because lack of skill in the patent process, the applicant was not fully maximizing the protection for the invention disclosed. The examiner was very helpful and patient with the applicant. The applicant appreciated the examiner's valuable time and feedback.

By the above amendment, the applicant has amended the title to emphasize the novelty of the invention. She has amended and replaced the original drawings with the drawings as indicated to describe further details of the invention. The applicant has rewritten all claims and specifications to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections (35 USC §112) and define the invention patentable over the prior art (35 USC §103). The specification and claims 2 to 5 have been amended editorially and to correct those errors noted by the examiner. The replacement sheets with drawing objection corrected to overcome the technical rejections. The applicant requests the case be amended to place it in condition for allowance.

The Objection To The Specification And The Claims Rejection Under 35 USC § 112

Under 35 U.S.C 132 (a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. New matters such as shape outside of rectangular, the use of poly fiber material, and the description of pouch tightly sealed with stitching have been removed from the specification and claims 2 to 4 stated in amendment A.

In amendment A, regarding claims 2 to 4, the word "means" is preceded by the word(s) "compartment" has been replaced with "assemblies". Insufficient antecedent basis for claim 5 in line 2 has been removed. In line 2 of claim 1, errors noted by the examiner have been corrected.

The Objection To The Drawings Under 35 USC CFR 1.121(d).

The drawings in amendment A are objected to because the Figures were not listed in sequential order. Regarding the brief description of the drawings and description of the preferred embodiment, the figures are renumbered to show drawings consistency. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are attached as sheet 1/5 and 2/5 to comply with the Office action and to replace the original drawing FIGURE 1 (sheet 3/5). The attached red-marked sheet 4/5 and 5/5 indicates in red the correction made to Fig. 1 to 5.

Annotated Sheet

Weighted Blanket components:
(2 sheets) 1 top Blanket with left & right pockets
(4 sheets) 2 pouches filled with Pillets
(2 sheets) 1 bottom flap

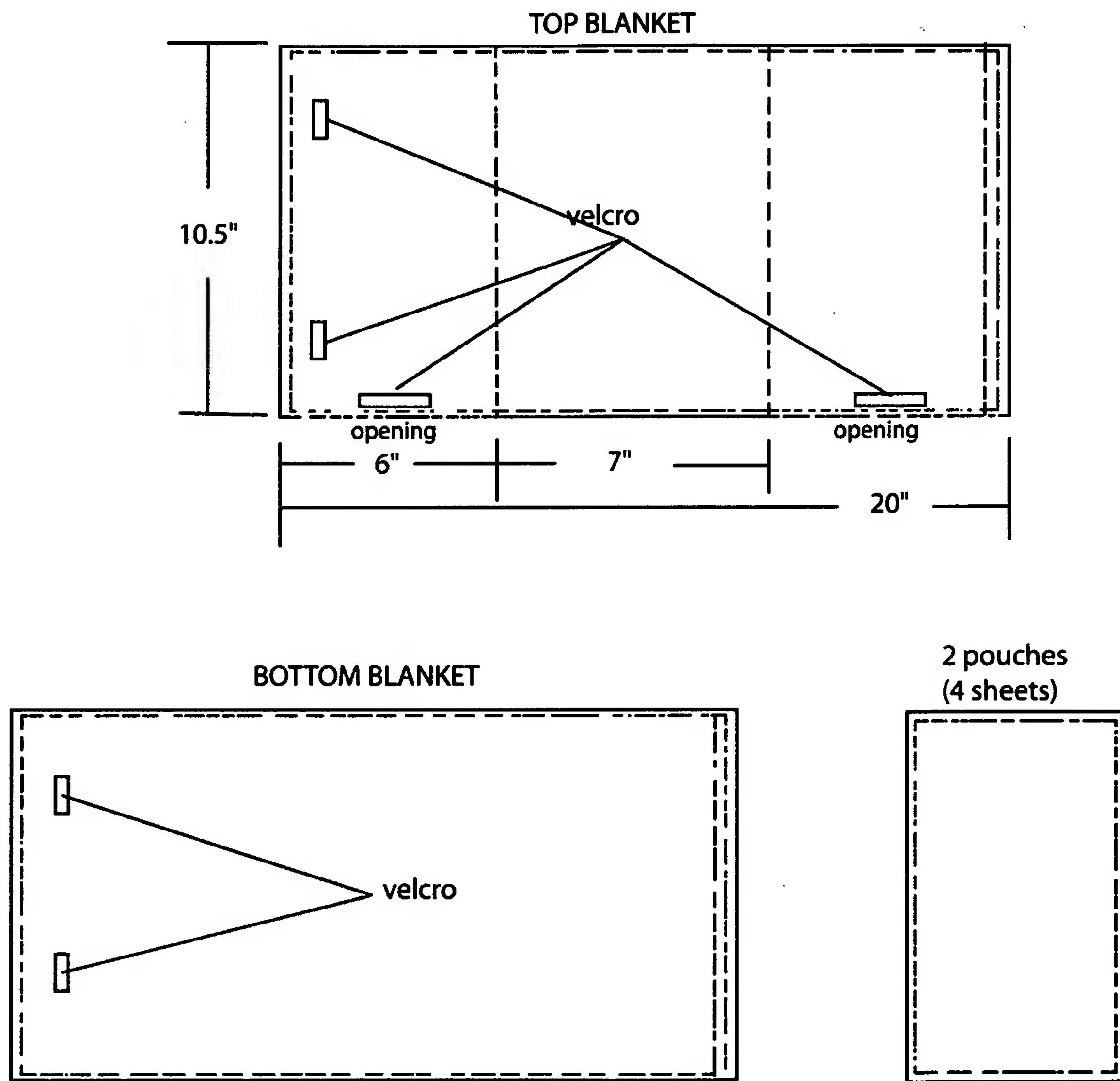


Figure 1
Original Figure 1

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Fig. 2

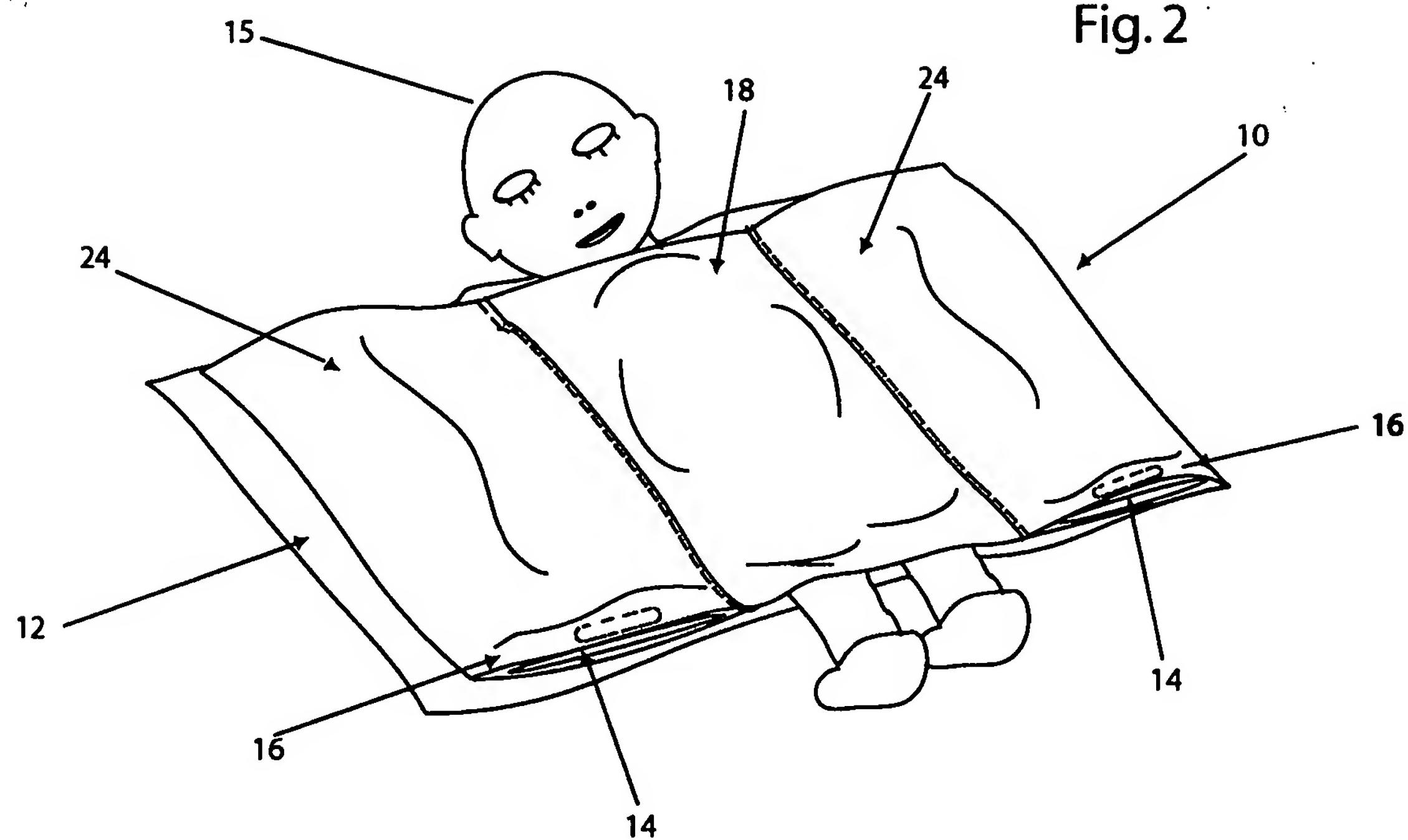
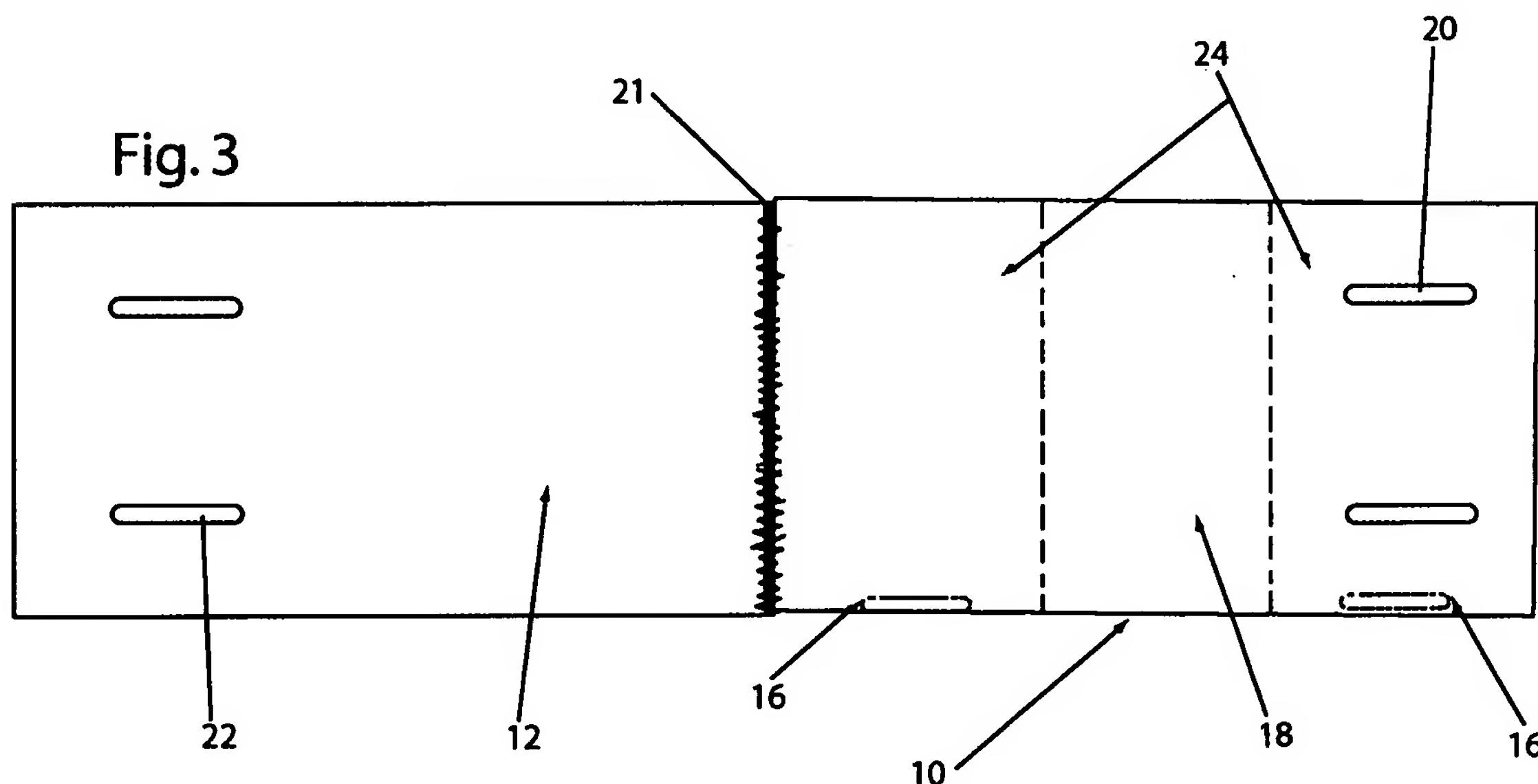


Fig. 3



Annotated Sheet

